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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 20, 31, 32 and 33 as follows:

20. (Amended) A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the semiconductor element fixing area is smaller than the semiconductor element.

31. (Amended) A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the tab, the tab suspension leads, and the plural leads are each formed of a metal.

32. (Amended) A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the tab, suspension leads, and the plural leads are all formed of one and same metallic material.